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Public Law 101-119
101st Congress

An Act

To provide assistance for free and fair elections in Nicaragua.

Oct. 21, 1989
[H.R. 3385]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That of the amounts remaining unexpended from funds allocated to the Agency for International Development, up to $3,000,000 of the funds made available by section 9 of Public Law 100-276, and up to $6,000,000 of the funds made available by section 2 of Public Law 101-14, may be used by the Administrator of the Agency for International Development, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for assistance for the promotion of democracy and national reconciliation in Nicaragua: *Provided,* That such assistance may be made available only as follows: (1) up to $5,000,000 in assistance to internal groups, such as support for political organizations and alliances, independent elements of the media, independent labor unions, and business, civic, and professional groups through and consistent with the charter and standard operating procedures of the National Endowment for Democracy; and for support for the election process and monitoring including, but not limited to the organizations specified in proviso 2(c) below, and (2) up to $4,000,000 (a) for election support intended to ensure the conduct of free, fair, and open elections through and consistent with the charter of the National Endowment for Democracy (which may include contributions through the National Opposition Union to the Supreme Electoral Council as necessary); (b) for support for the election process and monitoring; and (c) of which not less than $400,000 shall be made available for the Council of Freely-Elected Heads of Government, and of which not less than $250,000 shall be made available for the Center for Democracy and of which not less than $400,000 shall be made available for the Center for Training and Election Promotion: *Provided further,* That the provisions of sections 7, 8, and 9 of Public Law 101-14 shall be applicable to funds made available by this Act: *Provided further,* That the Agency for International Development shall report to the appropriate Committees of Congress prior to obligation of funds: *Provided further,* That all travel by Members of Congress conducted pursuant to the upcoming Presidential elections in Nicaragua shall be in accordance with section 1754, title 22, United States Code: *Provided further,* That it is the sense of Congress that the National Opposition Union's representative on the Supreme Electoral Council will seek to ensure that any funds going to the Supreme Electoral Council are used solely for technical electoral purposes, such as ballot boxes and ballot printing: *Provided further,* That funds made available by this Act shall remain available until February 28, 1990.

Reports.

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